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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

S/S

TO: The Secretary March 15, 1978

FROM: PA - Hodding Carter III

PUBLIC MAIL REPORT
March 6 - 10, 1978

Mail volume continued to rise last week as the Correspondence Management Division received 3,791 pieces (1,100 more than the week before). The White House forwarded 2,500+, we were assigned 821 letters addressed to you, and 439 information requests also reached us.

1,325 correspondents expressed their hope that the Panama Canal treaties will be rejected by the Senate.

330 protested the sale of F-5's to Egypt or F-15's to Saudi Arabia. Many suggested that by introducing more arms into the area we are endangering Israel's defense capability and the Middle East peace negotiations.

246 people, many of them young students, protested the Japanese slaughter of porpoises and dolphins.

163 Californians wrote urging the U.S. Embassy not to interfere with the judicial system in Guyana. They focused specifically on the child custody case of John Victor Stoen, who is currently living in the People's Temple in Guyana with the Reverend Jim Jones while his parents seek his return to the United States.

92 letters reproached Deputy Assistant Secretary Shelton for her reported comments about an improved human rights situation in Nicaragua. They also demanded that no U.S. tax dollars go to "prop up" Nicaragua's "blatant violations of human life."

70 letters protested the construction of an electricity-generating plant in Atikokan, Ontario, fearing harm to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in Minnesota.

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During the week we have completed work on the following language:

CODE	TITLE	PIS	TAPE
031	Wilfred Burchett		X
033	Sex Pistols		X
035	The Custody of John Victor Stoen		X
036	The People's Temple in Guyana		X
313	Eurocommunism		X
317	Conditions in Ukraine		X
349	Vladimir Slepak Family		X
937	Human Rights and Security Assistance to Nicaragua		X
980	Cuba - Departure From		X
1102	The Horn of Africa - Ethiopia and Somalia		X

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Public Mail Statistics

	Incoming Mail	Outgoing	On hand
White House	2,219	2,527	1,556 *
Secretary's and Department's	1,260	834	946
V. P.'s Mail	312	74	104
Totals	3,791	3,435	2,606

* Primarily a few days' intake of Panama, Middle East and Rhodesia mail.

The White House reported on March 10 that their telephone survey indicated that 100% of the correspondents they called whose letters were referred to us had received a response after three weeks.